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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT

REF: STATE 067973

1. PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS AND FOREIGN MINISTER  
VAN ELSLANDE BEING ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL, I SAW DIRECTOR  
GENERAL GROOTHAERT TODAY AND INFORMED HIM OF THE ESSENCE  
OF THE FORTHCOMING PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT.

2. IN A PRELIMINARY RESPONSE, GROOTHAERT MADE THE  
FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. BELGIUM RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO AVOID THE FURTHER  
SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY AND WILL APPROACH  
THE ENVISAGED INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS CONSTRUCTIVELY.

B. BELGIUM ADHERES SCRUPULOUSLY TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION  
TREATY AND IAEA SAFEGUARDS BUT IS CONCERNED THAT NOT ALL  
NUCLEAR NATIONS ARE EQUALLY BOUND.

C. BELGIUM FEARS THAT NATIONS WITH THE CAPABILITY TO  
PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAVE A TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE  
OVER THE BELGIAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY.

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D. BELGIUM WANTS TO HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO EXPORT  
NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY AS OTHER COUNTRIES AND  
WILL OPPOSE ANY DISCRIMINATION WHICH WOULD  
DISADVANTAGE BELGIAN INDUSTRY.

3. GROOTHAERT WILL INFORM TINDEMANS AND VAN ELSLANDE

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.RENNER

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